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UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,
FACULTY UNION.

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Dear President Falconer:

May I ask you to aid me in a personal difficulty? I desire to cross over into the States not later than June 15. The immigration authorities refuse, quite arrogantly, to give me the necessary permission. They tell me that my only redress is to appeal to the Minister of the Interior at Ottawa. Will you be so kind as to write in my behalf? The points I should like you to make are as follows: I shall be 43 years of age, August 26 next. I was born at Sparta, Wisconsin. I have never relinquished my United States citizenship. I have been domiciled 5 years in Toronto. My resignation took place long before conscription was proposed. I am married. My wife

and child are now in Chicago, also my household goods. Chicago is now my proper domicile. I have personally lingered on here to complete my year's work. I am rooming at the Faculty union, my present address. My difficulty comes from the fact that I have honestly stated the facts in my case to the officials, and they refuse to grant anyone permission to leave Canada permanently, irrespective of citizenship. The absurdity of the situation is that Canada has no power to conscript me and I am refused permission to return to my own country, a friendly ally, which has that power. By staying out of the U.S. during the enrolment period I run the risk of being considered a "slacker". I no longer have a source of income in Canada and by being detained here would be deprived of my american position.

You see I am a victim of officialdom tape, all this is causing me much worry and anxiety. Will you therefore be so kind as to write to the Minister at once, urging prompt action?

I should also value another similar letter from you which I might show to officials in my own dealings with them.

Very sincerely,

George T. Northrup.

May 28th, 1917

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Dr. George T. Northup has been Professor of Italian and Spanish in the University of Toronto for the last five years; that in response to an invitation from the University of Chicago he has accepted in that University a position as Professor of Spanish, and that his connection with the University of Toronto terminates in the month of June.

Professor Northup is an American citizen, born in the State of Wisconsin, is 43 years of age. His wife and child are now in Chicago and also his household effects. Professor Northup has remained in Toronto since the close of the University session to finish some work that remained to be completed.

I cannot understand why any difficulties should be placed in this gentleman's way when he desires to return to his own country after having given five years of excellent service to the Dominion of Canada.

President,
University of Toronto.